

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation:** [Child, Family, and School Social Workers \(21-1021\)](#)

**Associated Occupation:** [Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers \(21-1023\)](#)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 97

**Focus Occupation:** Child, Family, and School Social Workers (21-1021)

**Associated Occupation:** Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers (21-1023)

Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Therapy and Counseling	3.8	23.8	21.3	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Psychology	6.4	22.5	18.0	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	20.6	13.9	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Sociology and Anthropology	4.1	16.5	11.3	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Philosophy and Theology	3.2	11.0	7.8	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 95

**Focus Occupation:** Child, Family, and School Social Workers (21-1021)

**Associated Occupation:** Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers (21-1023)

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Social Perceptiveness	9.1	18.8	15.2	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Active Listening	11.0	15.0	17.4	>	Skill level is likely sufficient
Speaking	10.8	14.6	16.8	>	Skill level is likely sufficient
Service Orientation	7.9	14.5	14.2	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Monitoring	9.9	12.8	13.0	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Coordination	9.1	12.3	11.9	0	Current skill level may be sufficient

Learning Strategies	7.2	11.7	9.0	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Persuasion	7.4	11.2	11.6	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Negotiation	6.8	10.7	11.6	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Science	4.5	10.6	8.6	<	A higher skill level may be required
Operations Analysis	5.0	10.1	9.7	0	Current skill level may be sufficient

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## Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 97

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**Associated Occupation: Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers (21-1023)**

Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Oral Expression	12.4	16.0	16.0	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Oral Comprehension	12.5	15.7	16.3	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Problem Sensitivity	11.1	15.4	15.1	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Inductive Reasoning	10.2	14.1	13.2	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Deductive Reasoning	10.6	13.8	13.2	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Speech Clarity	10.2	13.2	13.7	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Speech Recognition	9.9	13.0	13.3	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Category Flexibility	9.0	11.4	9.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Fluency of Ideas	7.6	11.4	9.3	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Speed of Closure	5.9	9.9	7.1	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Memorization	5.6	7.9	6.9	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required

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## Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 96

**Focus Occupation: Child, Family, and School Social Workers (21-1021)**

**Associated Occupation: Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers (21-1023)**

Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Collect social or personal information	70
Compile data related to social service programs	84
Coordinate social service activities with resource providers	77
Counsel individuals with personal problems	81
Develop policies, procedures, methods, or standards	21

Direct and coordinate activities of workers or staff	3
Empathize with others during counseling or related services	69
Encourage group participation	54
Follow confidentiality procedures	58
Follow institutional care procedures	80
Manage detailed case records in a social work setting	82
Match clients to community resources	89
Recognize physical or emotional abuse	68
Record client's personal data	80
Refer clients to community services or resources	76
Relate to clients' socioeconomic conditions	82
Use agency mission as a guideline in social services delivery	84
Use behavior modification techniques	81
Use conflict resolution techniques	56
Use counseling techniques	60
Use current social research	62
Use grief counseling techniques	76
Use interpersonal communication techniques	10
Use intervention techniques	84
Use interviewing procedures	23
Use scientific research methodology	21

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: 93

**Focus Occupation: Child, Family, and School Social Workers (21-1021)**

**Associated Occupation: Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers (21-1023)**

Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Business function specific software	1
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Information exchange software	1
Network applications software	1

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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